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March 1, 2017

Postal Regulatory Commission
Re: Docket Number RM2017-3
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS), I am writing this letter to express my concerns in regards to the pricing review being currently considered by the Postal Regulatory Commission.

As President & CEO of the NCCS, I monitor the day-to-day activities relative to the organization's direct mail program and I am deeply concerned about the significant decreases in net revenue as a result of continuous increases in postal rates. It is particularly egregious considering the reduction of charitable giving throughout the nation.

The NCCS is dedicated to assisting children with cancer and their families. We provide emotional, financial and educational support to children throughout the United States. Since its inception, we have helped more than 40,000 children with cancer and their families by providing over \$63,000,000 in program distributions. For thirty years families from all over the country have counted on the NCCS to provide vital program services during extremely traumatic and difficult times.

The NCCS **Family Support Program** eases the emotional strain a childhood cancer diagnosis takes on families by providing a case manager who stands by a family's side throughout their journey. They are trained in providing practical and emotional support during difficult times.

The NCCS **Transportation Assistance Fund** alleviates the financial burden of travel, meals and lodging for families who have a child with cancer and the **Emergency Assistance Fund** provides annual stipends to families who have a child that has been inpatient or away from home for 30 consecutive days.



The NCCS **Beyond the Cure Program** prepares survivors and their families for life after cancer. The BTC **Late Effects After Treatment Tool (LEATT)** is available on the NCCS website to help assess whether late effects, such as, medical, cognitive or emotional problems may be occurring as a result of cancer treatment.

The NCCS has also established the Beyond the Cure **Ambassador Scholarship Program** to help survivors achieve their educational and personal goals.

All of these vital program services are jeopardized by continuous increases in program expenses, such as postal rate hikes, and they only serve to diminish our ability to assist these families.

On behalf of all of the families we serve I ask that you give serious consideration to ensure that no increase in the postal rate occur at this time. Please allow us the opportunity to assist as many children with cancer as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Stolze', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Mark Stolze
President & CEO